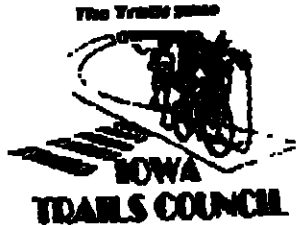


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September 1, 2007

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams

Reference is made herein to AB 33 (Sub No. 200X), a proposed abandonment of a segment of Union Pacific Railroad corridor in Iowa from near Hampton in Franklin County at milepost 318.36 to near Allison at milepost 294.75 in Butler County.

We are requesting additional time in which to finalize negotiations to acquire this portion of UP land under terms of the National Trails System Act, which will allow us to use the land as a trail.

We expect that negotiations to acquire this right-of-way can be completed well within another 180 day period. We are therefore requesting an extension of like time in which to complete these negotiations.

We are providing ten additional copies of this request for your distribution and are forwarding a copy to the union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan